

Robert Fisher

From: Robert Fisher
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 10:31 AM
To: 'Canfield, Juliana'
Subject: RE: RFP for FRN 1724277

Ms. Canfield, I appreciate your request, but I must make a point that at the time of this Erate 11 Submittal (11/05/2007) directly from the USAC website the 28 day rule was described as followed:

Step 4: 28-Day Waiting Period

Step 4: Select a Service Provider

- Construct an Evaluation
- 28-day Waiting Period
- Contract Guidance
- State Replacement Contracts

Applicants must wait at least 28 days after the posting of the *Description of Services Requested and Certification Form* (Form 470) on USAC's website before executing any contracts, selecting a service provider, or signing and submitting the *Services Ordered and Certification Form* (Form 471).

To ensure a fair and open competition, service providers must be given a reasonable period of time to respond to a request for products and services. Federal Communications Commission rules require applicants to wait at least 28 days after the Form 470 request is posted to the USAC website before executing any contracts for contracted services, selecting a service provider for tariffed or month-to-month services, or signing and submitting Form 471. Your state or local procurement regulations may require a longer waiting period or impose additional requirements.

The Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date is calculated by USAC's system when a Form 470 is successfully data entered and POSTED to the USAC website. This date can be found on the Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter.

NOTE: If an applicant files a paper Form 470, USAC must successfully enter the data on the form in its system before it can be posted to the USAC website. If information necessary to complete data entry is missing or incomplete, USAC will attempt to reach the contact person named on the Form 470 to obtain the information needed for data entry. A paper Form 470 cannot be posted to the USAC website until all necessary information is obtained. Do not assume that the Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date is 28 days after the postmark date on the paper Form 470.

Nowhere in this USAC website (at the time of this posting and certification of the form 470), is it mentioned that RFP release date and proposals were due.

The USAC website was updated on [Last modified on 12/5/2008 \(directly from the USAC website today\)](#), and the clarifications are now mentioned. There must have been some confusion with all nationwide applications in order for USAC to make such a clarification to their website.

The answer to your question is we have met both local and state procurements. We did not sign any agreements until after the allowable contract date.

Thank you for listening.

From: Canfield, Juliana [mailto:JCANFIE@sl.universalservice.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 9:51 AM
To: Robert Fisher

Cc: Portanova, Pina
Subject: RE: RFP for FRN 1724277

Thanks, but I still need the date that the RFP was released and the date that the proposals were due for RFP 07-088.

From: Robert Fisher [mailto:bass@bisd.us]
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Sorry for the late response. I usually try to get to any answer the same day.

For FRN 1724243, 1724253, and 1724262 the contract award date was on 02/07/08

For FRN 1724277 the contract award date was on 02/06/07.

Thanks

From: Canfield, Juliana [mailto:JCANFIE@sl.universalservice.org]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Robert Fisher
Cc: Portanova, Pina
Subject: RFP for FRN 1724277

I received the RFP you provided in response to Pina Portanova's email of last week. Could you please provide me with the date that RFP was released and the date that proposals were due? I could not locate those dates in the body of the document.

Thank you very much.

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